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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1883.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER.



For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

EXTRACT FROM
"CHAMBER'S JOURNAL,"
26TH AUGUST, 1882.

A N Exhibit at the Exhibition of "Means and Appliances for the protection of Human Life" which appeared to have the merit of novelty as well as efficiency, was that consisting of LIFE SAVING GARMENTS. Most Diseases of this kind are of a cumbersome and unsightly description, such Garments in fact as no one would choose carry about with him. But here we saw GREAT COATS, LADIES' JACKETS &c., cut in the latest fashion too, so Skillfully Fitted in the Linings with little cylinders of Cork that their presence was quite unnoticed until pointed out.

People in the Habits of Yachting or who are engaged in an occupation which brings them into daily chance of falling into the water would do well to make further enquiries relative to this useful adaptation of the life-belt principle.

The Manufacturers are Messrs. WENTWORTH & CO., of 12, Museum Street, London, W.C.

SOLE AGENTS IN HONGKONG,
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.,
who have a large assortment of these LIFE
SAVING GARMENTS FOR SALE.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1883. [230]

Insurances.

YANG TSZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL AND
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

DIRECTORS.
H. De C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq. | W. MEYERINK, Esq.
A. J. M. INVERARY, Esq. | G. H. WHITTLE, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
MESSRS. RUSSELL & CO., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH,
MESSRS. BARING BROTHERS & CO.,
Bankers.

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POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the World.

Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for Interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the Profits of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether
the Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premia paid by them.

RUSSELL & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD of AMERICAN and FOREIGN
SHIPPING.

Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED).....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,
etc. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$83,333.33-

RESERVE FUND.....\$70,833.37.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., Lee YAT LAU, Esq.
LO YOK MOON, Esq., CHU CHIE NUNG, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc., taken at
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

Intimations.

J. M. GUEDES.

HOUSE AND LAND BROKER,
AUCTIONEER AND COMMISSION
AGENT, NO. 11, WELLINGTON STREET, HONGKONG,
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1882. [15]

F. D. GUEDES.

WINE MERCHANT AND GENERAL
COMMISSION AGENT.

No. 5, D'AGUILAR STREET.

HAS always on hand a large assortment of
CHOICE WINES of the best quality, at
Moderate Prices.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1882. [103]

G. FALCONER & CO.

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER
MANUFACTURERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHARTS AND BOOKS.

NO. 44, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. [104]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from Inspector CLEAVER to Sell by Public
Auction, at his Residence, No. 24, Elgin
Street,

TO-MORROW,
the 29th day of March, 1883, at TWO P.M.,
THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Consisting of—

DRAWING, DINING, and BED ROOM
SUITES.

TERMS.—Cash.

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1883. [223]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from W. GILDEB, Esq., to Sell by Public
Auction, at his Residence, No. 129, Spring
Gardens (Queen's Road East), on

FRIDAY,
the 30th day of March, 1883, at TWO P.M.,
THE WHOLE OF HIS
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
Consisting of—

DINING, DRAWING, and BED ROOM
SUITES.

A COTTAGE PIANO.

Also,

Complete OUTFITS for PHOTOGRAPHERS,
from Ross, Dallmeyer, Salomon Voigtländer,
Mayerl, and Elliot.

TERMS.—Cash.

J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 22nd March, 1883. [224]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

DURING my absence Mr. STEWART
MUNN MCLEISH will sign my Name
Per Procuration.

WM. CRICKSHANK.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1883. [232]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION
AUSTRALASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH
COMPANY, LIMITED.

M. R. WILLIAM BULLARD is appointed
to act as SUPERINTENDENT at this
Station from TO-DAY.

By Order,

J. ENSTON SQUIER,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1883. [227]

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr.
HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE and
Mr. JOHN GORDON TALBOT HASSELL in
our Firm has Ceased and it is Closed in Hong-
kong from This Date, Mr. DALRYMPLE being
Authorized to Sign "In Liquidation in
Hongkong."

BIRLEY & CO.

1st March, 1883.

M. R. KENNETH DOUGLAS ADAMS and
Mr. JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SAN-
DERSON are This Day admitted PARTNERS
in our Firm at Canton and Foochow.

BIRLEY & CO.

1st March, 1883.

M. R. HENRY LISTON DALRYMPLE
Acts as Correspondent of Messrs. BIRLEY
& CO. here, and has commenced Business under
the style of

BIRLEY, DALRYMPLE & CO.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [169]

NOTICE.

WE have authorised Mr. FRIEDRICH
HEINRICH HOHNKE to sign our
Firm from this date.

F. BLACKHEAD & CO.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1883. [201]

NOTICE.

TO LET.

A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 Rooms)
in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas
and Water laid on; and immediate possession
can be had.

For Particulars apply to

D. NOWROOZ,

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1883. [18]

NOTICE.

THE UPPER FLOOR of No. 6, QUEEN'S
ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for DWELLING
or OFFICE—Rent \$5.

ALSO,

OFFICE ON QUEEN'S ROAD.

Apply to

J. G. SMITH & CO.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1883. [121]

NOTICE.

TO LET.

N. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET,
No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
 lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.

No. 25A, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1883. [173]

NOTICE.

GUEDES & CO.

PRINTERS, STATIONERS, AND
BOOKBINDERS.

D'AGUILAR STREET.

EVERY KIND OF WORK EXECUTED WITH
ACCURACY, NEATNESS, AND DESPATCH
ON VERY MODERATE TERMS.

A. Capital AMONTILLADO SHERRY.

Assorted LIQUEURS of the best quality.

B. BONS, A French PRESERVES.

FRESH BUTTER, LADY CHEESE, by Every

French Mail Perfumery.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1882. [104]

NOTICE.

SELECTED MATERIALS FOR
MARKET REPORTS.

Book-binding and Ruling in every style executed
at low rates. Workmanship Guaranteed.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1882. [104]

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NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,
CHARTS AND BOOKS.

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Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

ARE SHOWING.

WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING OUR STOCK TO MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS
WE ARE OFFERING FOR ONE WEEK ONLY.

FANCY-CHECKED DRESS MATERIALS.....@ 15c PER YARD USUAL PRICE 25c.

INVISIBLE-CHECKED.....Do.....@ 15c. do. do. 25c.

POMPADOUR DELAINES.....Do.....@ 20c. do. do. 65c.

ROUGH & READY SERGES.....Do.....@ 20c. do. do. 30c.

CHECKED MOHAIRS.....Do.....@ 30c. do. do. 45c.

TERRA COTTA & OTHER STRIPED SATINETTES.....@ 50c. do. do. 75c.

FANCY VELVETEENS.....@ 35c. do. do. 50c.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRY MEN,
PERFUMERS,
IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS
OF
MANILA CIGARS,
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
AND
MANUFACTURERS

AERATED WATER.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY,
24, NANKIN ROAD, SHANGHAI.

BOTICARIALES,
14, ESCOLTA, MANILA.

THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON.

THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHOW. [3]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to "The Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the fair discussion of correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1883.

It is not a little surprising, says the San Francisco Alta, that the proposition to pass a bill at this session of the Legislature to license gambling, should elicit approving comments. It is only to be accounted for on the hypothesis that some people are always anxious for a change, and care little what the change is. If gambling were legal, these persons who are now willing to make it so, would be among the first to try to bring it under the ban of the law. The only argument of which the case will admit in favor of licensing gambling is the old one, that the laws against it are not enforced. It is true they are not as efficiently enforced as they should be, but it cannot be admitted that this is a sufficient argument for the repeal of the law, for if that test should be applied to the whole statute book the laws that would not be obliterated are few and far between. The law against gambling is like that providing penalties for theft. Neither is always enforced, but the instances in which they are enforced exercise a certain degree of deterrent effect, and that is so much clear gain. Nobody can make a sensible man believe that there would be less gambling if it were not prohibited, nor would its effect be less demoralizing and vicious.

According to the Gazette the following charters were effected in Amoy during the fortnight ended the 20th inst.:—*Omega*, 12,000 peculs, Takao to Melbourne, private terms; *Ceres*, 11,600 peculs, Takao to Melbourne, private terms; *Tesuan*, 12,000 peculs, Chefoo to Amoy, 25 lay days, 15 cents per pecul; *Guiding Star*, 7,200 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 20 lay days, 24 cents per pecul; *Ernst*, 8,500 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 22 lay days, 24 cents per pecul; *France & Amanda*, 9,500 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 25 lay days, 20 cents per pecul; *Falas*, 11,600 peculs, Taiwanfu to New York, private terms; *Magenta*, 8,200 peculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 18 lay days, \$1,800; *Emma*, 5,500 peculs, Nagasaki to Amoy, 18 lay days, \$825; *Wagrain*, 4,000 peculs, Whampoa, Tientsin, Newchwang, and Hongkong, 25 lay days, 60 cents per pecul.

Mr. JAMES QUINN, hailing from "the land where the prairies grow," by profession, "a toiler on the sea," and by inclination what our Yankee friends call "a drunk," had a short interview with Capt. Thomsett at the Police Court this morning. The trouble was not very serious. It appears that James, being at present out of regular employment, occupied a greater portion of yesterday in imbibing fire-water, with the result that Novangan Singh, P.C. 540, found him "like a drunken sailor taking his rest" in the gutter, utterly incapable at 9.30 p.m. The valiant Punjaubian thereupon ran Mr. Quinn in to the Central Station, where he was searched and the bangle was found in his possession. Three months' hard labor in the "Retreat" will possibly convince Mr. Chun Asai that it would have been much better had he been satisfied to "stick to his last."

A CORRESPONDENT writes to *Truth*:—"When you refer to Mr. William Black, Mr. Payn, and Miss Braddon, as the best paid of modern authors of fiction, I suppose you refer to the writers of the present day, who regularly produce a novel every year—or even more frequently. The high prices received now for works of fiction are small compared with those of twenty years ago, which was the harvest time of novel writers. Mr. Anthony Trollope received more than \$6000 for two of his principal novels written between 1860 and 1865. Mr. Wilkie Collins received five thousand guineas for 'Armada,' before a line of the book was written. George Eliot made over £5,000 by one of her works, and there was not one by which she made less than \$600. Miss Braddon received very high prices for several of her earlier works. At the present time Mr. Wilkie Collins probably makes most money by his books, but then he only writes at the rate of one in two years and a half. Novel writers who are dissatisfied with their returns may console themselves by remembering that \$6000 was the highest price ever received by Miss Engworth for a tale, and that Sir Walter Scott only obtained 750/- for 'Waverley' for the copyright of 'Evelina.' Miss Braddon was paid 20/-."

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, March 27th.

SERIOUS TROUBLES EXPECTED AT THE CAPE.

The Cape Government has decided to act vigorously in Timbuktu as serious troubles are feared.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Hongkong Choral Society has arranged to give an Invitation Concert in the St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, on Friday, April 6th, at 9 p.m.

The German corvette *Slosh* went up the Canton River yesterday morning. She will probably lie at anchor off the Bogue Forts for the next eight days, to clean her bottom in the fresh water before proceeding to sea.

Says the *Foochow Herald* of the 22nd inst.—During the severe wind on Tuesday afternoon last, a Chinese passenger boat, on its passage between Foochow and Pagoda Anchorage, was suddenly capsized and thirty-seven out of forty passengers drowned.

H.M.S. *Vigilant*, with Admiral Wilkes, and the Captains of all Her Majesty's ships in port on board, left the harbour this morning through the Ly-ee-moon Pass. The *Audacious* is out at Mirs Bay for the purpose of trying some very interesting torpedo experiments, in addition to the usual target practice, and the Commander-in-Chief has gone out to direct operations. The *Vigilant* will probably return to her moorings this evening.

SAYS the Hampshire Telegraph of February 14th.—The *Sapphire*'s stability did not satisfy the officer from the Admiralty, who inclined her a week or two since, and consequently she was taken into the basin at Keyham on Saturday, where she is to be stowed in the screw bay. This is to be stowed in the screw bay and underneath the coal boxes in the bunker passage. It is then believed the stability of the ship will be assured. The present arrangements are that the *Sapphire* is to start on Sunday next for the China Station to relieve the *Encounter*.

THE London *Gazette* of the 13th ult. announces that the Queen has signified her intention to confer the Victoria Cross upon Lieutenant William Mordaunt Marsh Edwards, and Battalion Highland Light Infantry, for conspicuous bravery displayed by him during the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, in leading a party of Highland Light Infantry to storm a redoubt. Lieutenant Edwards, who was in advance of his party, with great gallantry rushed alone into the battery, killed the artillery officer in charge, and was himself knocked down by a gunner with a ramrod, and only rescued by the timely arrival of three men of his regiment.

WE (*Foochow Herald*) regret to find that the Seamen's Church at Pagoda Anchorage is in such a dilapidated condition, occasioned by storm and floods, as to necessitate the calling of a public meeting to take into consideration the question of repairs. The meeting is convened for Monday next the 26th instant, and we hope to be eventually in a position to report that the necessary repairs have been effected. Although the Church cannot boast of very large congregations, still we feel sure that the Pagoda's community would not desire to see their holy edifice go to utter ruin, or the graves, in which they have held beloved ones "quietly inured" exposed to the ravages of the natives, and the violence of the elements, for the want of a substantial wall to surround the premises.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Daily News* at Cannes sends an account of an interview which M. Clémenceau, the leader of the French Radicals in the Chamber, has had with Mr. Gladstone at the Chateau Scott. In the course of conversation the subject of decentralisation was touched upon, Mr. Gladstone, addressing M. Clémenceau with intense earnestness, said:—"The curse of Ireland has been centralisation. What I hope and desire, what I labour for, and have above all things at heart, is to decentralise administrative authority there. We have disestablished the Church, relieved the tenant class of many grievances; we still feel sure that the Pagoda's community would not desire to see their holy edifice go to utter ruin, or the graves, in which they have held beloved ones "quietly inured" exposed to the ravages of the natives, and the violence of the elements, for the want of a substantial wall to surround the premises.

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admitted the soft impeachment, and as he was liable to count up the dollar, Captain Thomsett imposed as a fine for his *lapses*, there will be one less in our purse during the next seven days.

AN Emergency Lodge of St. John, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Friday, the 30th inst., at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren will be made cordially welcome.

THE Boys' Athletic Sports were commenced in favorable weather on the Cricket Ground this afternoon, and are still proceeding as we go to press. Our usual detailed report will appear in to-morrow's issue.

THE four Portuguese lads who were charged at the Police Court yesterday with having assaulted a Chinese hawk on Saturday last, were again brought before Mr. Wodehouse this morning, when the case was dismissed.

WE are informed by the Agents (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.), that the Eastern and Australian Steamship Co.'s steamer *Minnow* left Port Darwin for Hongkong on the 27th instant, and is due here on or about the 6th April.

PATRICK SHAW, a Scotsman, and George Deacon, a native of England, were brought before Capt. Thomsett at the Police Court this morning on a charge of having deserted from H.M.S. *Entrepren* at Sydney, New South Wales, on the 7th of January. The men, who had given themselves up to the police, admitted the charge, and the case was remanded until the 4th April to allow the Naval authorities to be communicated with.

BY a special ukase, signed by the Emperor of Russia on New Year's Day (Old Style), the pay of most of the officials connected with the Naval service at Cronstadt has been raised from 10 to 50 per cent, while the pay of a large number of subordinate officers has been doubled. Although rumours of the intention of the Government had been prevalent some time, the measure was, to a large extent, unexpected, and consequently when a special courier arrived with the order and the Governor announced it at once, universal jubilation prevailed throughout Cronstadt the rest of this evening.

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MACAO.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

MACAO, March 26th, 1883.

The most important topic of conversation and discussion here for some days past, which is still on the *list*, is very appropriately laughingly scoffed at, and metaphorically trodden under foot, has been the news that the Lisbon Government has lately sent instructions to our Colonial rulers to remit to Portugal, in addition to our yearly contribution to the Army and Navy, a monthly sum of fifteen thousand milreis, and the whole of the surplus that may stand yearly as balance of our Exchequer returns and expenditure. This bold stroke of centralisation is of such a demoralising character, considering the urgent necessity for expending large sums in improving the harbour and several other branches of public works, also taking into consideration the uncertain and unreliable sources of our principal public revenues, that the staunchest of our local patriots are beginning to entertain serious doubts as to the sincerity of the Mother-Country towards her poverty stricken dependency in the Far East. Our financial status is not founded on any sound principle of political administration. Our chief revenues are derived, as is well known, from the triennial public sale of the monopoly of two hideous immoral institutions, the *Fantam* and the *Vel-Sing*; the figures realised by those sales varying considerably from time to time, the bidders being under the influence of a pure spirit of gambling speculation. The Opium monopoly is generally subject to the same uncertainty. The sale of the Pork monopoly which last year realised some \$12,000 is also a most unreliable source of income, the recent sale only realising \$12,000. The Salt monopoly is also probably deteriorating in value. And this precarious condition of the public finances a sweeping measure is levelled at the Treasury, curtailment by three fourths the salaries of the officers and soldiers of the National Battalion, on whose small incomes some five hundred families are said to depend for their subsistence; withdrawing from several retired public functionaries their scanty pensions; the Lisbon Exchequer appropriating \$17,000 monthly, besides a heavy annual contribution, and finally ordering the full remittance to the metropolis of all surplus funds that may stand to the credit of the Treasury!

It would seem that the Home Government has decided upon bringing universal ruin to this degraded colony! In 1874 the Treasury had to contract a loan of about \$200,000, on account of the scarcity of funds then existing. Should another calamity like the disastrous typhoon of that year befall us when every cent of our surplus has been remitted to Lisbon, on what guarantee will our financiers negotiate another loan with the Hongkong Banks? At present it is notorious that the state of our harbour is such that a heavy expenditure is absolutely necessary in order to render it accessible to shipping. How are the much talked-of prospects of improvement to be carried into practical effect when the whole of our surplus funds, in addition to already ruinous monthly instalments are demanded and absorbed by the voracious Lisbon Exchequer.

It needless to say that great indignation prevails here in all quarters on account of the outrageous measures lately adopted by the home government towards poor Macao. The *Macassars* of the 24th inst. point out in forcible language the fallacy of our ministerial policy. The following comments are worthy of note:—"Let it not be said that through the quick communication which now exists with the metropolis of Portugal our urgent wants may be soon redressed. *Hembyl*. These are simply delusive words that can no longer deceive anybody. Experience has taught us to despair of any prompt redress for our grievances coming from the Home Government, whose care for this city is quite apparent, from the deterioration of our harbour, from the sources of our chief revenues, &c. &c."

The *Independent* is not less strong in its criticism when it says:—"Is our colony so full of improvement that no application could be given to the surplus funds in the Public Treasury? It appears the late Minister of Marine, Senhor Melo Gouveia was of that opinion, as before quitting office he ordered our Board of Exchequer to remit to the metropolis all the balance of funds in hand. This measure is a natural consequence of a mistaken provincial administration. Many Colonial wants were put aside in order to increase the annual balance of the Treasury, and the result now is to bleed it thoroughly, under the doctorship of our living quacks. We deplore the mistake, and hope it will be a lesson for the future."

The other events of this week are a horrible tragedy at Lapa, where a half lunatic shot his brother and two Chinese Customs' guards, being himself eventually shot down. It appears the frantic had previously given signs of mental aberration, though no steps were taken to have him properly confined in the Hospital. The usual festivities and celebrations of the Holy Week are now at an end.

His Excellency Senhor da Graca, our ex-Governor, accompanied by his wife, left here for Hongkong by the *White Cloud* this morning. They intend staying with Consul Lourenco until the departure of the French mail steamer to-morrow—least so it is rumoured here. It is quite in the usual order of Portuguese diplomacy that these two officials, who have been at loggerheads almost from the Consul's advent in your colony, should part good friends, or apparently so. How the Consul can forget the official slights put on him by the Governor, and how His Excellency can overlook the systematic manner in which Mr. Lourenco used to blackmail him, through the influence of the late Viscount de Praia Grande, with the Lisbon Government, are matters not easily comprehended. However, it is doubtless better thus. There is general rejoicing in Macao that we have at last got rid of a ruler who has simply been an incubus on the prosperity of the colony. Perhaps the old gentleman meant well; but he was so retrograde in his ideas, so bigoted and prejudiced, and so stupid without doing nothing but mischief and confusion could have been expected from his Government. Senhor da Graca has left Macao even more miserable and despairing than he found it; and he will be best remembered by the painful exhibition he made of himself in the notorious *Vel-sing* scandal in the Hongkong Supreme Court, and in that laughable farce, the so-called Japanese Diplomatic Mission. No doubt His Excellency will be decorated when he reaches Lisbon; but he will hardly likely be given another appointment. In the quiet seclusion of his own orange groves he will find ample time to write his promised book on the Japanese Mission—that wonderful production which, with characteristic modesty, he intends dedicating to himself.

It is rumoured that a Chinese newspaper will shortly be started in Macao.

STEAMERS EXPECTED

The steamer *Eurydice* left Sydney on the 1st instant for Queensland Ports, Port Darwin and Hongkong, and is due here on or about the 15th.

The same steamer *Cambria*, *Leander*, from London, left Singapore on the 15th instant, and may be looked for here on or about the 1st.

The Union Line steamer *Zulu* left Singapore on the afternoon of the 25th March, and may be expected to arrive here on the 1st April.

The steamer *Minnier* left Port Darwin for this port on the 27th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 1st April.

UNOFFICIAL DISINTERESTEDNESS.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 7th February of last year, Mr. F. Bulkeley Johnson addressing himself particularly to Sir John Pope Hennessy, said:—"The next question I have to put is as to the state of the roads, to which you have already alluded. You have expressed your opinion that the roads were in an extremely unsatisfactory state. Now, that was not the opinion of the members of this Council in Finance Committee in August last, and from my own observation and the observation of all those who have had experience of roads, their condition is very much the same as it was then, excepting that the weather is now dry and we don't experience the inconvenience so much. I am afraid your Excellency has not been recently in the neighbourhood of East Point. It is now nine months ago since I called your attention to the fact that along a portion of the Praya in that direction, the road was a foot higher on one side than on the other. I can answer for it that nothing has been done to this road since I returned to the Colony in March last. As I described, the road is at least three quarters of a foot higher at one side than at the other. There are water courses running down it transversely, it is dangerous for vehicles, and there are holes in which any horse might stumble. I am sure the Surveyor-General has not been on that part of the road or he would have observed this."

His Excellency, in reply to this honourable member, said that "Mr. Bowler's attention was called to the matter, and that officer had done all in his power to put the roads and bridges in a proper state."

The result of this meeting of the Legislative Council, so far as the road complained of by Mr. Johnson was concerned, as anyone can see who chooses to walk along the Praya and past the premises of the "princely house," appears to have been an eminently satisfactory one. The road was quickly put into thorough order. But, singularly enough since this particular thoroughfare was made all right we have heard nothing from the Hon. F. B. Johnson about the condition of the other roads of the colony. If the honorable gentleman were merely a private individual we could well understand his keeping silent after his own turn had been served, and his own special road, so to speak, made suitable for walking on, or fit to be used by that class of people who ride in carriages." But it so happens that the Honorable F. Bulkeley Johnson is not a mere private individual who has to look solely after his own interests; at least, that is what the gentleman in question would have the community at large and the world in general believe. Mr. Bulkeley Johnson poses as the special benefactor of the people of this benighted colony, the watchful guardian of their best interests, and the independent member of our Legislative Council who is not making a special study of "his own hand." The following facts, which have come under our own personal observation, may slightly open the eyes of the community of Hongkong, if that is necessary, and show them how far the philanthropy of the honourable member towards his fellow colonists, his constituents, extends.

Close to the premises of the great East Point firm is a little street, or road, bearing the name of Jardine's Bazaar. About 12 years ago, when the chain gangs were abroad in the colony, Jardine's Bazaar underwent some slight repairs, and since then has been gradually running to ruin. When Mr. Bulkeley Johnson was thundering forth his complaints about the road, leading to his own palatial premises, and obtained the necessary repairs, which were carried out up to his own gateway, it is a pity that in his bounteous consideration for the welfare of his less fortunate fellow he did not insist that the wants of the humble tenants of Jardine's Bazaar should also be attended to without loss of time. The honourable member cannot excuse himself on the score of ignorance for not seeing to the dire wants of his next door neighbours, as such a keen eyed and careful observer, as he undoubtedly is, must have noticed the deplorable condition of Jardine's Bazaar. Even had the unsightly appearance of the place missed, Mr. Bulkeley Johnson's eagle eye it is simply impossible that the horrid smells emanating therefrom could have come within range of his aristocratic olfactory organ and escaped unnoticed, so close does the worthy unofficial member reside to that infragrable spot.

Summer is close upon us, and the fever season is also drawing nigh. We, therefore, consider ourselves quite justified in drawing the attention of the honorable Surveyor-General to the sanitary and general condition of Jardine's Bazaar. We would also ask the community at large, who have any consideration for their own health, or the health of the colony generally, to take a walk through the Bazaar, to satisfy themselves that our remarks are justified by actual facts. We have a thoroughly reliable medical opinion on the matter, to the effect that Jardine's Bazaar is an abode of fever and other diseases, and that it is likely to be even worse this summer, than has ever previously been the case on account of the worse condition of the roads and drains in the immediate vicinity.

The first thing which will strike the visitor to this thoroughfare will be sixteen yards of the gas main protruding through the surface of the road, making passage by carriage or *wicker* impossible, and traffic on foot or by chair extremely dangerous. The next thing to attract attention will be the fact that the government drain only runs halfway down the street. Some three years ago a shopkeeper was summoned to the Police Court by the Inspector of Nuisances, for some slight breach of the law, but the magistrate being informed by the shopkeeper that there was no drain to carry off the soapuds and other refuse of the market, into which the soapuds refuse of the tenants are emptied through drains which, it is noteworthy, were made at their own expense. The most remarkable thing about the drains, in this locality is the fact that the slabs of stone forming the covering are higher than the roadway, and, consequently, foul gasses are constantly issuing from the drains, doubtless to the detriment of the health of the dwellers in the immediate vicinity, and also to the general public who may happen by business to be in the neighbourhood. The landlords of the houses in Jardine's Bazaar have been frequently summoned for having filthy premises, and at last, rather than be constantly troubled with the matter, have constructed drains at their own expense, a work by the way, which should have been done by the Government. This, in itself, is a sufficient hardship, but when we consider that the ground lying immediately behind the houses in Jardine's Bazaar is government property, and is likely enough to be sold for building purposes, and that the continual cutting of the private drains already constructed and necessitate the making of new ones, we see at a glance how well the interests of the landlords and tenants of Jardine's Bazaar have been

CORRESPONDENCE.

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THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH".

DEAR SIR.—Are the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's shares worth their present premium? The property was valued in

1880:—

Aberdeen Dock \$ 453,326 319,473

Kowloon 414,399 524,422

Cosmopolitan 411,399 435,253

1,278,964 1,274,420

West Point 150,480

Debt 449,000 265,000

A distinction without a difference. The West Point property sold for \$175,000, redeemed so much of the debt, and this is all that has been done towards its reduction during the past two years. The report for the past half year states that the result would not have been behind that of previous half years, had there not been losses on the building of two steamers. I have known a time when, in face of opposition, it was said that had it not been for the construction of one steamer there would not have been any profit at all. But let that pass. The working accounts for the half years since the purchase of the Cosmopolitan Dock show in:

1881... \$ 528,143 profit \$ 95,374=18 per cent.

575,757 " 104,550=18 per cent.

1,103,900 " 199,924=18 per cent.

1882... 474,212 " 65,708=20 per cent.

495,583 " 68,167=14 per cent.

972,795 " 163,965=17 per cent.

And it is in the general falling off of business, as shown by the above figures, that the secret of late unfavorable results is to be found. If in 1881 the Docks had worked to the amount of \$1,103,900, without building steamers, how comes it that in 1882 the work is less by \$111,100, notwithstanding cost of steamers, which might be anything under or over \$100,000!—I infer that 18 per cent. profit on the working drives business away, and if by it, the turn-over fell from \$1,103,900 in 1881 to say \$782,800 excluding steamers, in 1882, what is there to prevent a similar scale of profit, if adhered to, from still further reducing the amount in 1883?—and yet the Directors are engaged in constructing a new Dock!!! All that has been done during the past 2 years with \$363,889 of profit, has been to pay dividends of \$10 per share, equal to 5 per cent. on the market value of the stock and write \$152,000 off the value of the Aberdeen Dock, while increasing that of the others by \$146,500. How much of the \$19,473 at which it now stands, the Aberdeen Dock may be worth, I leave those interested to determine. The Company started in 1880 with \$28,766 of Reserve in hand; it made \$30,000 on the new issue of shares at 12 per cent. premium, and \$37,563, as stated in the report, on the sale of the West Point property, \$6,329 in all, and as the Reserve is now \$18,000, \$79,329 of the \$152,000 written off the value of the Aberdeen Dock is accounted for, leaving \$75,671 as the net result of two splendid years, for they are splendid years, and such as the Company, with its present scale of charges, is not likely to see again. Provided 17 per cent. profit on the working can be maintained, which I question, and provided the Company's working account does not fall below \$1,036,000 per annum, which it seems likely it will as last year, it was only \$972,795, it would take 8 years to write off the Aberdeen Dock, another 12 years to pay for the Dock now commencing, and 8 years more to liquidate the Debt, and I ask whether it is in the nature of Hongkong speculators, or investors to contemplate a return of only 5 per cent. per annum for the next 28 years. I should say not, and yet with an almost useless Dock at Aberdeen to be liquidated, with a new Dock to be built and paid for, which, if completed, will probably necessitate abandonment of one or other of the present establishments, and in face of steadily failing receipts, where is the money to come from to pay increased dividends? The Company started in 1880 with a dead stock of \$1,274,420 in its debt and the Aberdeen Dock, and if, by building a New Dock, this dead stock becomes \$1,000,000, the Docks should earn \$178,000 per year to pay dividends of even \$10 per share, or 5 per cent. and write off \$36,500 per annum. Their earnings last year were \$163,965.

Yours, &c.,

Hongkong, March 26th, 1883.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

OUR SHANGHAI CORRESPONDENCE.

TRAINING FOR THE SPRING MEETING.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—Aw: very little worth mentioning has as yet been done in "twaining for the Spring meeting" heah! It is pleasant to find that a movement has been set on foot amongst our Sporting friends to have the weights waived fav. widahs on the Shanghai turf, to the same standard as is now in vogue in your Colony. Mr. W. Paitaason brought forward a pawseworthy motion on this subject at the Annual Meeting of the Wacc Club, a few days ago; but I wogiet to tell you that it was lost by one vote, the opposition being composed principally of the "jolly-half-holiday" at the-ralls young men; howevah, it will doubtless be carried by an overwhelming majority at the Extraordinary Meeting which is to be held shortly.—yes and how fellahs possessing even an ordinary amount of common sense can oppose such a reform I'm quite at a loss to comprehend.

At the Swallowfield, our last, fine specimen (gray) of the Mongolian blood fetched the good price of £15, 200, and another was won up to £15, 280,

which, howevah, was refused fav. him, his limit being £15, 600. The mob, of somethy animals in all, were almost without exception knocked down at good and justifiable prices, and a should not be at all surprised to see some gaffins make their debut shortly which will cause such grand stayers as Fawat Comet, Pwejudice, Dwiving Cloud, and Wild Dash to extend themselves to the utmost in order to pass the judge's eye on a par with them; exactly so.

By the way I might just quote to you, a few lines which I picked up a day or two ago in the sweat: it was, I surmise, written by an aspiring Milton of a "would-be" Johnson; or may be the authaw is thinking of endeavoring to weve *spelling-bees*, and by way of entia change intended to commence at the wong end; neval mind, bothah this fellah, and his *bees* in his *bottle*, heah followeth for you:

"S-H-A-N-C-H-A-I, (It's quite true.)

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Hongkong, 16th October, 1882. [700]

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